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CLAIMS:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 16, 2007, please amend the claims as follows:

1. 1. (Currently Amended) In a communication network for electronic mail distribution between data processor controlled interactive display terminals, a sending terminal comprising:
 - means for storing data as a body and an attachment ~~for sending with electronic mail in a separate folder stored at the sending terminal;~~
 - means for handshaking with a receiving terminal;
 - means for converting data stored in the sending terminal into a set of symbols that contain information regarding an object that makes up the attachment to which said data is linked;
 - storing the symbols having information about the attachment in the separate folder stored at the sending terminal with the attachment;
 - means for transmitting symbols to the receiving terminal without transferring data objects or attachment; and
 - means for transferring the data objects in response to requests by the receiving terminal;
 - wherein a size of the data objects or attachment is determined by information received from the symbols corresponding to the data objects or attachment.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail communication network of claim ~~2~~ 1 further comprising means responsive to a request from the receiving terminal to select a data object from the sending terminal.
4. (Original) The electronic mail communication network of claim 3 further comprising means responsive to a request from the receiving terminal to download a data object from the sending terminal.

5. (Original) The electronic mail communication network of claim 3 further comprising means responsive to a request from the receiving terminal to delete a data object from the sending terminal.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail communication network of claim 6 5 further comprising means for separately transmitting said symbol from said data object.
8. (Currently Amended) A method for fast communication with a symbol linked object based system in a communication network for electronic mail distribution between data processor controlled interactive display terminals including the steps of:
 - storing, at a separate folder in a sending terminal, data as a body and an attachment ~~for sending with electronic mail~~;
 - handshaking, by the sending terminal with a receiving terminal;
 - converting data stored in the sending terminal into a set of symbols that contain information regarding an object or attachment to which said data is linked;
 - transmitting symbols from the sending terminal to the receiving terminal without transferring data objects or the attachment; and
 - transferring the data objects from the sending terminal in response to requests by the receiving terminal.
9. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ method of claim 8 further including the step of determining from said symbols a size of their corresponding data object.
10. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ method of claim 9 further including the step, responsive to a request from the receiving terminal, of selecting a data object from the sending terminal.
11. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ method of claim 10 further including the step, responsive to a request from the receiving terminal, of downloading a data object from the sending terminal.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ method of claim 10 further including the step, responsive to a request from the receiving terminal, of deleting a data object from the sending terminal.
13. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ method of claim 9 wherein:
- said storing of a symbol of said data object is stored separately from its corresponding data object is in a separate file folder at the sending terminal.
14. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ method of claim 13 further including the step of separately transmitting said symbol from said data object.
15. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program having code recorded on a computer~~ readable medium storing a computer program which when executed performs the implementation for fast communication with a symbol linked object based system in a communication network for electronic mail distribution between data processor controlled interactive display terminals, wherein the computer program adapted to cause a sending terminal to perform the steps comprising:
- means for storing data as a body and an attachment ~~for sending with electronic mail~~ in a separate folder stored at the sending terminal;
- means for handshaking with a receiving terminal;
- means for converting data stored in the sending terminal into a set of symbols that contain information regarding an object that makes up the attachment to which said data is linked;
- storing the symbols having information about the attachment in the separate folder stored at the sending terminal with the attachment;
- means for transmitting symbols to the receiving terminal without transferring data objects or attachment; and
- means for transferring the data objects in response to requests by the receiving terminal;

wherein a size of the data objects or attachment is determined by information received from the symbols corresponding to the data objects or attachment.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ computer readable medium of claim 16 15 further including means responsive to a request from the receiving terminal for selecting a data object from the sending terminal.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ computer readable medium of claim 17 further including means responsive to a request from the receiving terminal for downloading a data object from the sending terminal.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ computer readable medium of claim 17 further including means responsive to a request from the receiving terminal for deleting a data object from the sending terminal.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~electronic mail communication network~~ computer readable medium of claim 16 15 wherein:

said means for storing a symbol of said data object separately from its corresponding data object is a separate file folder at the sending terminal.